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ABSTRACT

This guide is designed to help the prospective clinical psychology graduate student go through the application and selection process necessary for acceptance. Chapter 1 describes the two predominant training models in clinical psychology and alternatives to the discipline itself. Chapter 2 covers the essential preparation needed to enter graduate school including course work, clinical experiences, research skills, entrance examinations, and extracurricular activities. Chapter 3 helps the user choose schools that fit their interests and needs, understand program admission standards, and get started. Chapter 4 is a guide to the application procedure: forms, curricula vitae, personal statements, letters of recommendation, academic transcripts, and so on. Chapters 5 and 6 discuss the challenges of interviews, and the complexities of making final decisions with the help of several worksheets and concrete examples. In developing the book the authors conducted original studies of accredited clinical psychology programs. The results provided information, given in an appendix, of programs that address specific research areas, the number of faculty in that area, and whether they receive grant funding. Other appendixes contain a suggested time line; worksheets for choosing schools, assessing program criteria, and making final choices; and a list of specialty clinics and practica sites. (JB)

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